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### **PRELIMINARY TOBACCO REFERENDA RESULTS**

WASHINGTON, April 9, 1998 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today preliminary results of referenda held in March among growers of various kinds of tobacco to determine marketing quotas and price support in effect for the 1998, 1999, and 2000 marketing years. A vote of at least two-thirds in favor is necessary to approve marketing quotas. If marketing quotas are in effect for a kind of tobacco, price support loans will be available with respect to such kind of tobacco.

Pennsylvania growers of cigar filler (type 41), Connecticut and Massachusetts growers of cigar binder (types 51 and 529, and growers of Maryland type tobacco (type 32) all voted against quotas for marketing years 1998, 1999, and 2000. Virginia growers of sun-cured (type 37) voted in favor of quotas. (See table on next page)

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The results are:

STATE	YES	NO	TOTAL	PERCENT "YES"
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Cigar Binder Tobacco, Types 51 and 52

Connecticut	2	37	39	5.0%
Massachusetts	1	80	81	1.0%
Total	3	117	120	2.5%

Cigar Filler Tobacco, Type 41

Pennsylvania	21	209	230	9.1%
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Maryland Tobacco, Type 32

Maryland	68	264	332	20.5%
Pennsylvania	30	330	360	8.3%
Virginia	5	1	6	83.3%
Total	103	595	698	14.8%

Virginia Sun-cured, Type 37

Virginia	58	2	60	96.7%
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Further referendum information is available from Misty Jones, telephone (202) 720-0200, e-mail address [mjones@wdc.fsa.usda.gov](mailto:mjones@wdc.fsa.usda.gov).

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